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The attention of the Office is also directed to the following related copending patent applications (copies enclosed) assigned to Hughes Electronics Corporation, the assignee of the present application:

(1)

Serial No. 09/611,753, filed July 7, 2000, inventors: Donald C. D. Chang, Ming U. Chang, Ying Feria, Weizheng Wang and Alan Cha, for "Stratospheric-Based Communication System For Mobile Users", (Attorney Docket No. 200061);
Serial No. 09/655,498, filed September 5, 2000, inventors: Donald C. D. Chang and Alan Cha, for "Concurrent Communications Between A User Terminal And Multiple Stratospheric Transponder Platforms", (Attorney Docket No. 200114); and

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(3) Serial No. 09/655,041, filed September 5, 2000, inventors: Donald C. D. Chang, Kar W. Yung, Frank A. Hagen and Weizheng Wang, for "Ground-Based Wavefront-Projection Beamformer For A Stratospheric Communications Platform", (Attorney Docket No. 200119).

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